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On Thursday, Endeavour to roll to VAB for November launch



◆ Shuttle Update:

The next major shuttle event is rollover of Endeavour from the OPF to the VAB on Thursday.

Endeavour is targeted to launch Nov. 12 on the STS-126 mission to deliver a multi-purpose logistics module to the International Space Station. On Sept. 19, the payload canister is expected to carry Hubble components to the launch pad for installation in space shuttle Atlantis' payload bay for the STS-125 mission.

◆ **2008 Family Day:** Badged KSC, CCAFS and contractor employees, along with their friends and family, are invited to attend 2008 Family Day, a celebration of NASA's 50th anniversary, on Oct. 18. The event will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. on center, then move to the KSC Visitor Complex for a celebration featuring concerts, food and entertainment. This event is for employees and their guests only. Details about facilities, exhibits and activities, as well as a link to the Family Day Web site, soon will be available.

■ **Exhibits For Family Day** — All NASA and contractor organizations are invited to set up an exhibit in the O&C Mission Briefing Room for Family Day Oct. 18. If you are interested, please submit the following information to Andres Adorno at Andres.R.Adorno@nasa.gov: the

name of your organization or directorate, the primary POC, and a brief description (images of exhibits are encouraged).

Organizations that intend on having exhibits at other locations, please provide Adorno with the following information: location of exhibit, sponsoring organization and POC for the exhibit. Final day to submit entries is Friday.

■ **KEA-28: Columbia Debris Loan Program** — In 2003, the Columbia Preservation Project was established jointly by NASA/KSC and NASA/JSC, with logistical support from United Space Alliance, to provide a process for the loan of Columbia debris to qualified researchers and technical educators. From 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 10 in the KSC Training Auditorium, a panel will present an overview of how this program works, as well as provide examples of how debris has been utilized by the NASA community and academia.

Panelists will include astronauts Col. Pam Melroy and Dr. Danny Olivas; Rick Russell from the Orbiter Project Office; Scott Thurston, Steve McDanel and Clara Wright from Kennedy; and Dr. Jim Sutter from Glenn Research Center.

NASA and contractor personnel are invited to attend. Please send questions and comments to KSC-Engineering-Academy@mail.nasa.gov. To

Family Day at KSC confirmed for Oct. 18

view future listings, or video/PDF versions of past KEA events, please visit: <http://kea.ksc.nasa.gov/>.

■ **NASA Exchange Pre-Inventory Sale Starts Today** — The NASA Exchange Retail Stores are cleaning house in preparation of their semi-annual inventory. Discontinued display fixtures (must be able to remove any fixtures you purchase), slightly damaged, one-of-a-kind, and discontinued merchandise must go! Shop at the HQ cafeteria, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. daily today through Thursday. All items are sold as-is and all sales are final. No exchanges or refunds. Cash or checks only, please.



■ PM Challenge 2009 Call for Speakers — Abstract submissions are due

Friday! Do you have a topic of interest to NASA program and project management stakeholders? Submit your speaker abstracts for PM Challenge 2009 by close of business Friday. Find out more at: <http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov/speaker2009.htm>.

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